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***Response Under 37 CFR §1.111***

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2006. As this response is being filed within the three month shortened-statutory period for reply, no extensions of time are believed necessary. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for any necessary extensions of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such extensions has inadvertently been overlooked. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary extension of time fees.

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